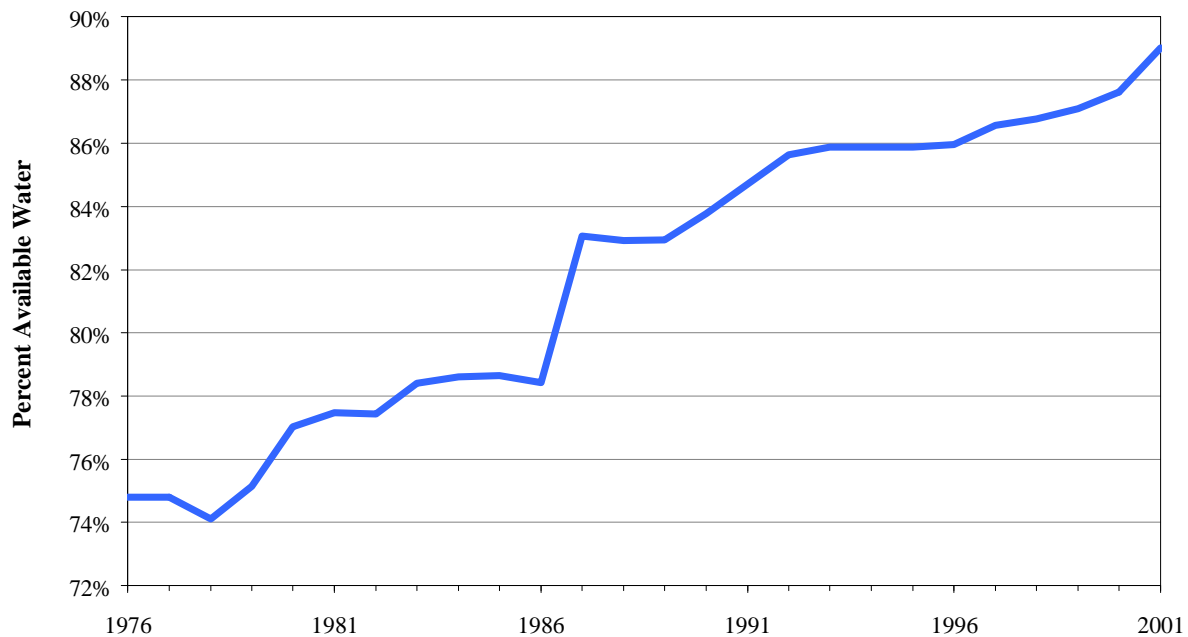


**MILESTONE:** By 2005, 90% of New Jersey's classified waters will provide shellfish that are safe to harvest.

**INDICATOR:** Status and Trends of Shellfish Harvest Classifications

### Shellfish Waters for Open Harvesting



Percent Available Water

<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>
74.80%	74.79%	74.10%	75.14%	77.03%	77.47%	77.43%	78.39%	78.61%	78.65%
<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>
78.42%	83.06%	82.93%	82.94%	83.78%	N/A*	85.64%	85.87%	85.88%	85.88%
<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>				
85.96%	86.56%	86.77%	87.10%	87.62%	89.01%				

This indicator shows the percent of shellfish beds in the state where water quality is suitable for harvesting. In 2001, 89% of shellfish beds supported harvesting which represents the thirteenth consecutive year that New Jersey has upgraded the classification of more waters than it has downgraded. If this trend continues, the above milestone will be met.

*Data Source: NJDEP Water Monitoring Management Program, DWM*

\*N/A – not available

This fact sheet contains the most current, available data. For additional information on development of this indicator, please see the [Environmental Indicators Technical Report, 2nd Edition](#).